(b) whether any draft legislation has been prepared;

(c) whether any guideline has been sent to the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) National Policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992, inter-alia, provides that "Corporal punishment will be firmly exceeded from the educational system". Corporal punishment is strictly prohibited in schools run by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti and Central Tibetan School Administration, which are under the Ministry of Human Resource Development. Education being a concurrent subject, States follow their own policy in respect of schools under the purview of the State Governments.

Assistance to Jharkhand for primary, secondary and vocational education

†1367. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance has been given to the Jharkhand Government by Central Government for primary, secondary and vocational education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of proposal or request received from the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) During 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 the position of funds released to Jharkhand Government under various schemes has been as follow:—

Grant released by Govt. of India

(Rs. in lakhs)

Schemes/Programmes	Year		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)	28568.50	51515.00	38309.99
Information Communication and Technology (ICT) in Schools	-	-	1074.00

Assistance to students

1368. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ph. D and M.S. Students in IITs and IISc, Bangalore who got financial assistances/scholarships for paper presentation abroad during the last five years, institute-wise, category-wise and year-wise;

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(b) whether any SC/ST students presented their research work abroad during the period;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the total financial assistances/scholarships awarded, institute-wise, category-wise and year-wise;

(d) whether SC/ST students are allocated financial assistances/scholarships with respect to 15 per cent and 7.5 per cent of total allocation; and

(e) the measures being taken by Government to encourage SC/ST students to present their work abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The number of Ph. D and M.S. Students, including SC/ST Category students in IITs and IISc, Bangalore who got financial assistances/ scholarships for paper presentation abroad during the last five years is as under:—

Institute	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
IIT Khargpur	4	6	13	26 (3 SC/ST)	27 (2 SC/ST)
IIT Kanpur	Nil	Nil	Nil	30	64
IIT Bombay	Nil	15	55	84 (11 SC/ST)	217 (21 SC/ST)
IIT Delhi	Nil	07	23 (1 SC/ST)	36 (2 SC/ST)	58 (2 SC/ST)
IIT Roorkee	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
IIT Guwahati	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
IIT Madras	07	16	32	43 (1 SC/ST)	51 (3 SC/ST)
IISc Bangalore	55 (1 SC/ST)	53	85 (4 SC/ST)	59 (2 SC/ST)	85 (1 SC/ST)

(c) and (d) All students whose papers are accepted for presentation are provided financial assistance which varies depending upon the funding agencies. The M.S. & Ph. D. scholars who satisfy the prescribed academic criteria are given financial assistance irrespective of their caste/creed/religion to present papers in international conferences abroad. Detailed information shall be collected and laid on the table of the House.

(e) Efforts made by the Institutes to encourage students, including SC/ST Students, to present their work abroad, include appointments of faculty advisors, establishment of SC/ ST cells etc.